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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to comment on the proposed rules for the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004. There is a serious flaw in the wording in Section 1290.4 (Eligible Grant Project), it states that “priority will be given to fresh specialty crop projects.” This language is not acceptable because the use of the term “fresh” does not include the wine industry. I am opposed to the use of such language. The bill passed in 2004 does not discriminate between fresh and processed specialty crops. So please remove that sentence.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

Scott Osborn
President